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## September 24, 2013 National Voter Registration Day

JUNEAU, Alaska—The State of Alaska, Division of Elections, joins the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) in reminding citizens that September 24, 2013 is National Voter Registration Day.

The nation's Secretaries of State established September as National Voter Registration Month to encourage voter participation and increase awareness of state requirements and deadlines for voting. According to the federal government, states reported receiving more than 62.5 million voter registration application forms during the 2012 presidential election cycle, with nearly 24 million applications from new voters who were not previously registered.

Although Alaska does not have a general election this year, the division encourages citizens to register to vote or update their registration if needed. Eligible citizens who are 18 years of age or older may register to vote. Eligible citizens may register to vote 90 days prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Check your voter registration information with the Division of Elections. Updating voter registration information is critical for people who have recently moved, changed their name, or had their voting rights restored under the law. It is also required for people who wish to switch their party affiliation.

For more information on voter registration options, please visit the division's website at <a href="http://www.elections.alaska.gov">http://www.elections.alaska.gov</a>.